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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTING AN IRAQI RETURN AND REINTEGRATION STRATEGY

REF: A. SECSTATE 54444

[1](#)B. MCGANN/POLASCHIK E-MAIL OF 3/15/04 (NOTAL)

[1](#)1. As requested, refcoord phoned UNHCR Iraq Head of Mission Yacoub El Hillo (resident in Amman) on March 14 to deliver ref a points regarding a follow-on meeting to the February 15-16 UNHCR strategic planning meeting for Iraq. El Hillo confirmed that he intends to convene a follow-on meeting in the first half of April in Amman. El Hillo is planning a small, expert-level meeting, with participation limited to members of the UN's "Cluster 8," NGO representation, Iraqi authorities and key donors, including PRM. He does not intend to include Iraqi Minister of Displacement and Migration Al Otbee in the meeting. El Hillo acknowledged he also needs to schedule a briefing of interested donors to present funding needs related to the strategy and agreed with refcoord's suggestion that the briefing would reach a wider audience if it were held in Geneva instead of Amman. El Hillo will discuss the donor briefing with Minister Al Otbee on March 17.

[1](#)2. Per ref b, we understand that USG participation in this meeting will be limited to two PRM officials (one from Washington and one from CPA Baghdad). Due to the high volume of visitors expected in the first half of April, we are able to accommodate this meeting only during the week of April 5. Refcoord has conveyed our scheduling requirements to UNHCR-Iraq.

[1](#)3. Per ref b, we understand PRM will raise this issue with UN SRSG a.i. Ross Mountain in Washington later this week.

[1](#)4. CPA Baghdad minimize considered.
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